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SUBJECT: WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCES NOMINATION OF WILEY T.
BUCHANAN AS NEXT AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA

VIENNA: PLEASE PASS TO CONSULATE SALZBURG

1. ON FEBRUARY 21, THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCED THAT THE
PRESIDENT HAS DECIDED TO NOMINATE THE HONORABLE WILEY
THOMAS BUCHANAN, JR., AS AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA, REPLACING
THE HONORABLE JOHN PORTNER HUMES.

2. MR. BUCHANAN HAS SUBMITTED THE FOLLOWING BIOGRAPHIC
DATA TO THE DEPARTMENT:

BORN JANUARY 4, 1914, AT "MYRTLE HILL" IN VAN ZANDT COUNTY,
TEXAS, WILEY BUCHANAN HAS SERVED HIS NATION AS BOTH DIPLOMAT
AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL, IN ADDITION TO HIS PRIVATE
CAREER AS A SUCCESSFUL INVESTOR AND CORPORATE OFFICIAL.

THE SON OF WILEY T. AND LILLA A. (YOUNGBLOOD) BUCHANAN,
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HE WAS EDUCATED AT SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY IN DALLAS,

TEXAS, AND GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
MR. BUCHANAN HAS ALSO RECEIVED HONORARY DEGREES FROM
DICKINSON COLLEGE, CARLISLE, PENNSYLVANIA; ALMA COLLEGE,

ALMA, MICHIGAN; AND WILEY COLLEGE, THE ALL-BLACK SCHOOL
FOUNDED IN MARSHALL, TEXAS IN 1873.

MARRIED TO RUTH ELIZABETH HALE ON APRIL 12, 1940,
MR. BUCHANAN HAS THREE CHILDREN; BONNIE RUTH (MRS. C.T.
MATHESON), DIANE DOW (MRS. JOHN TRAINA) WILEY THOMAS III.

MR. BUCHANAN WAS SECRETARY-TREASURER OF THE NATIONAL AGROL
CORPORATION FROM 1942 TO 1950, IN ADDITION TO HOLDING THE
VICE-PRISIDENCY OF BERKS PARACHUTE COMPANY FROM 1943 TO
1946. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE
TRUST COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL SAVINGS & TRUST BANK IN
WASHINGTON, D.C.; A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF L'ENFANT PLAZA CORPORATION
IN WASHINGTON, D.C. MR. BUCHANAN WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE
WAR PRODUCTION BOARD DURING WORLD WAR II AND WAS A
MEMBER OF THE TECHNICAL INDUSTRIAL INTELLIGENCE
INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.

AFTER SERVING AS MINISTER TO LUXEMBOURG FROM 1953 TO 1955,
MR. BUCHANAN WAS APPOINTED AMBASSADOR AND SERVED UNTIL
1957, WHEN HE WAS SELECTED CHIEF OF PROTOCOL OF THE
UNITED STATES WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR FOR THE
PERIOD 1957-1961.

A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL CITY COUNCIL OF WASHINTON, D.C.
AND OF THE FEDERAL CITY COUNCIL, MR. BUCHANAN WAS FOR
MANY YEARS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE NATIONAL
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, ON THE NATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD OF THE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, AND A TRUSTEE OF THE JOHNS
HOPKINS SCHOOL OF ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, THE
GEORGE WASHINTON UNIVERSITY, AND THE LONDON SCHOOL FOR
BOYS IN BETHESDA, MARYLAND.

MR. BUCHANAN HOLDS THE RANK OF COMMANDER OF THE FRENCH
LEGION OF HONOR, THE GERMAN KNIGHT COMMANDER OF MERIT,
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GRAND OFFICER OF THE BELGIAN ORDER OF THE CROWN,
COMMANDER IN THE DANNENBORG ORDER OF DENMARK AND OTHER
DECORATIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENTS OF LUXEMBOURG, THAILAND
AND THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. HE IS THE AUTHOR OF "RED
CARPET AT THE WHITE HOUSE," PUBLISHED IN 1964.

A METHODIST, MR. BUCHANAN IS A MEMBER OF THE EVERGLADES
CLUB (PALM BEACH, FLORIDA); THE METROPOLITAN CLUB

(WASHINGTON, D.C.); THE CHEVY CHASE COUNTRY CLUB

(MARYLAND); THE DALLAS AND BROOK HOLLOW COUNTRY CLUBS
(TEXAS); THE TRAVELERS CLUB (PARIS); AND THE READING
ROOM, SPOUTING ROCK BEACH, AND CLAMBAKE CLUBS (NEWPORT,

RHODE ISLAND). HE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE BROOK CLUB
IN NEW YORK. END OF TEXT KISSINGER

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